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NO EVIDENCE OF AIRFIELD LOCATED WEST OF BOR /56° 22' 00" N - 44° 00' 00" E/

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In the spring the entire region is often under water, presenting the appearance of a large lake.

MEDICAL AID AIRFIELD (SANITÄTS FLUGPLATZ) /56° 14' 30" N - 43° 58' 30" E/

2. Directly south of the Frunze plant in Myza is located a small airfield which is not very active. The field is definitely no larger than one square kilometer. No more than five or six wooden barracks-type

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buildings are located on the site, and no hangars are available. The field is used chiefly as a base for the transport of medical aid personnel on emergency missions to outlying regions which are inaccessible via normal communication routes. Often ambulances could be seen at the field. The planes which we saw here were all small types, never with more than two motors.

the Frunze plant also had a pilot attached to its administrative staff, and his plane was based on this field.

GORKIY AIRFIELD

3. The Gorkiy airport was located on the west side of the Oka River. The Moscow flight departed from Gorkiy at 0500 hours daily. anyone planning a trip to Moscow had to leave the night before on an electric street car and spend the night in the vicinity of the airport in order to be assured of catching the flight. the airport lay southwest of the city (a housing project southwest of the Molotov Zavod, or auto factory).

OKA BRIDGE  $56^{\circ} 19' 00''$  N -  $43^{\circ} 58' 00''$  E

4. The Oka River bridge is of the suspension bridge type with a span of perhaps 700 meters or more and is 20 meters wide. It has two street car lines, automobile lanes, and foot crossings on each side.
5. The railroad bridge across the Volga River north of the junction with the Oka River is an arch type steel bridge with three arches. It has a single track crossing and also a foot crossing.

GORKIY RADIO STATION ANTENNA  $56^{\circ} 17' 00''$  N -  $43^{\circ} 59' 30''$  E

6. The antenna for the Gorkiy radio station was located north of Myza. It has a mast between 60 and 70 meters high, is dark in color, and could have been of either metal or wood. It displayed four red warning lights spaced along its vertical length.

PROPOSED GORKIY TELEVISION TRANSMITTER  $56^{\circ} 18' 20''$  N -  $43^{\circ} 59' 10''$  E

7. The structural mast of the proposed Gorkiy television transmitter had been erected on top of the main post office building at the First of May Plaza. The station was not functioning and it offered a topic for many jokes, especially on the part of the Soviet technicians in the Frunze plant.

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